



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: Today, Fernando Arellano-Bedolla was sentenced to a 60 month prison term by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Court Judge for the District of Nebraska, following Arellano-Bedolla's conviction for receiving child pornography. In addition, Arellano-Bedolla was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release and pay a \$100 Special Assessment. The Court also ordered that computer equipment used by Arellano-Bedolla be forfeited to the United States.

On January 26, 2009, a search warrant was executed at the residence of Arellano-Bedolla in Lincoln, Nebraska during an investigation into violations of federal copyright laws. The computer used by Arellano-Bedolla was seized by ICE special agents and examined. During the examination of the computer, videos of child pornography were found by the agents. Arellano-Bedolla pled guilty to knowingly receiving these images.

Name of Defendant: Fernando Arellano-Bedolla

AKA:

Age: 25

City of residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Receipt of child pornography, 18 U.S.C. Section 2252A(a)(2), Penalty is 5-15 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both, at least 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 Special Assessment. Forfeiture, 18 U.S.C. Section 2253, penalty is forfeiture of the computer equipment used by the defendant.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 26, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: January 26, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: February 9, 2009

Superseding Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: February 10, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): August 19, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 17, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge:

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond

In Continuous Custody Since: January 26, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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